

**Amendments to the specification**

Please insert the following new paragraph under the heading “Abstract of the Disclosure” following the Claims section:

4-Aminopiperidine derivatives, pharmaceutical compositions containing the same, and methods for their preparation are provided herein for the treatment of disorders of the central and/or peripheral nervous systems. In particular, the potent antidepressant activity shown by the disclosed 4-aminopiperidine derivatives are particularly useful for the prevention and/or the treatment of depression, severe depression with anxiety, anxiety disorders and affective disorders.